

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (New) A solid detergent composition comprising:

(a) an effective detergative amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing:

(i) an anionic surfactant comprising alkyl benzene sulfonate; and
(ii) at least one of alkali metal salt, alkaline metal earth salt, and mixtures thereof;

(b) an effective detergative amount of an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant;
(c) an effective detergative amount of an alcohol alkoxylate; and
(d) an effective hardening amount of a hardening agent, wherein the hardening agent comprises about 1 wt.% to about 75 wt.%, based on the weight of the detergent composition, of polyethylene glycol; and

(e) wherein the solid detergent composition is provided in the form of a block.

26. (New) A solid detergent composition according to claim 25, wherein the hardening agent further comprises a hydratable salt.

27. (New) A solid detergent composition according to claim 26, wherein the composition comprises up to about 50 wt.% of the hydratable salt, based on the weight of the detergent composition.

28. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 3 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the polyethylene glycol.

29. (New) A composition according to claim 28, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a molecular weight of about 1,000 to about 100,000.

30. (New) A composition according to claim 28, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a molecular weight of from about 1,450 to about 20,000.

31. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the hardening agent comprises an inorganic salt.

32. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein the inorganic salt comprises acetate salt.

33. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the hardening agent comprises a mixture of polyethylene glycol and inorganic salt.

34. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing with a mixture of alkali metal salt and alkaline earth salt.

35. (New) A composition according to claim 34, wherein the alkyl metal salt comprises a sodium salt, and the alkaline earth salt comprises a magnesium salt.

36. (New) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the sodium salt and the magnesium salt are provided in a molar ratio of about 3:1 to about 1:1.

37. (New) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the molar ratio of the sodium salt to the magnesium salt is about 2:1.

38. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 1 wt.% to about 70 wt.% of the anionic surfactant.

39. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 35 wt.% to about 65 wt.% of the anionic surfactant.

40. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant comprises lauryl polyglycoside.

41. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant.
42. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant.
43. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 1 wt.% to about 30 wt.% of the alcohol alkoxylate.
44. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the alcohol alkoxylate.
45. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a bleaching agent.
46. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.
47. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a defoaming agent.
48. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an anti-redeposition agent.

Support for Amendment

The above amendment replaces claims 1-24 with new claims 25-48. The new claims are based upon the original claims.

New claim 25 is based upon original claim 1. The characterization of the neutralized anionic surfactant is supported by the specification at page 8, lines 11-12. The alcohol alkoxylate component is supported by the specification at page 8, line 19 through page 9, line 2. The characterization of the hardening agent as comprising about 1 wt.% to about 75 wt.%, based on the weight of the detergent composition, of polyethylene glycol is supported by the specification at page 11, lines 15-25. The remaining features of claim 25 are supported by original claim 1.

Claims 26-33 are supported by the specification at page 10, line 11 through page 12, line 29.

Claims 34-37 are supported by the specification at page 8, lines 1-17.

New claims 38 and 39 are supported by the specification at page 21, lines 15-20.

New claim 40 is supported by the specification at page 9, lines 16-18.

New claims 41 and 42 are supported by the specification at page 21, lines 15-20.

New claims 44 and 45 are supported by the specification at page 21, lines 15-20. It is pointed out that the alcohol alkoxylate is a type of nonionic surfactant as identified by the specification at page 8, lines 20-30.

New claims 25-48 are supported by the specification at page 12, line 5 through page 15, line 24.

Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 25-48 are active in this application.